



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

COVID-19

Updated DHEC Guidance Documents

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) continues to update their school based guidance documents with the latest public health information related to COVID-19. Please take a moment to review this important information.

[School & Childcare Centers \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Recent Disease Activity by County Report](#) (as of 10/1/2020)

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 10/6/2020)

[Plexiglass Use in Schools](#) (released 10/5/2020)

[Identifying Close Contacts of Athletes in High School](#) (released 9/24/2020)

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS

Reimbursement for COVID-19 Related Technology Expenditures

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials

CONTACT: Steven Strother (Reimbursement), sgstrother@ed.sc.gov, Katie Nilges (Survey), knilges@ed.sc.gov

Pursuant to Section 4, Spending Directive Number 5, of [Act 154](#) (R 170), signed into law by Governor McMaster on September 25, 2020, reimbursement of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to the SCDE and districts has been authorized for technology purchases of devices and connectivity equipment to support online learning resulting from COVID-19.

The SCDE has coordinated two PPE and Plexiglas orders for all districts; however, some

districts purchased items prior to these orders taking place. To request reimbursement for PPE purchased outside of all orders placed by the SCDE, districts must complete the following [survey](#) no later than Friday, October 14, 2020.

[Reimbursement for COVID-19 Related Technology Expenditures - Memo](#) PDF (201 KB)

Reimbursement for Personal Protective Equipment

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials

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Pursuant to Section 4, Spending Directive Number 1, of [Act 154](#) (R 170), signed into law by Governor McMaster on September 25, 2020, reimbursement of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to the SCDE and districts has been authorized for PPE and additional safety measures needed in response to COVID-19.

The SCDE has coordinated two PPE and Plexiglas orders for all districts; however, some districts purchased items prior to these orders taking place. To request reimbursement for PPE purchased outside of all orders placed by the SCDE, districts must complete the following [survey](#) no later than Friday, October 14, 2020.

[Reimbursement for Personal Protective Equipment - Memo](#) PDF (210 KB)

DATA

PowerSchool License Agreement

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Technology Coordinators, PowerSchool Coordinators

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) entered into a contract with PowerSchool to provide a Student Information System (SIS) for district use and mandatory state reporting. Formalizing that contract allowed the SCDE to define district ownership of the data and the SCDE's rights and responsibilities as the license holder. As a result of that contract, PowerSchool is requiring the attached sublicense agreement to protect their intellectual property and clearly outline district ownership of the data entered.

Please review, sign, and return the attached agreement. South Carolina accepts legal filings with electronic signatures using the format s/Full Name (i.e. s/John Doe). Please have an authorized representative of the school district sign and return the attached document to dralyea@ed.sc.gov by November 1, 2020.

[PowerSchool License Agreement - Memo](#) PDF (131 KB)

[District License Agreement - Attachment](#) PDF (182 KB)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Distance Learning PLO

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, CTE Directors, Instructional Leaders, Regional Career Specialists, School Counselors

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Division of College and Career Readiness will offer the following Professional Learning Opportunity (PLO). Districts from across the state will have the opportunity to participate in a 2-day virtual workshop to learn more about effective virtual teaching practices. Districts are invited to register a team of up to four members to participate in the PLO. One of the team members must represent Career and Technical Education (CTE).

This 2-day workshop series focuses on the best teaching, assessment, and planning practices for your online classroom utilizing the strategies/modules in the Distance Learning Playbook, Grades K-12 written by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie. These sessions will be held virtually on October 22 and 26, 2020.

[Distance Learning PLO - Memo](#) PDF (164 KB)

TECHNOLOGY

COVID-19 SkillSets of Silicon Valley Online Professional Development Opportunity

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, District Information Technology (IT) Leaders, District Information Security/Privacy Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is offering individual districts the opportunity to establish a two-year online training hub through SkillSets of Silicon Valley by leveraging its existing contract agreement. The district hub administered locally will feature COVID-19 training opportunities, as well as over 7,000 technical and leadership professional development courses for all district employees and students.

[COVID-19 SkillSets of Silicon Valley Online Professional Development Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (137 KB)

New SCEducator Compensation System

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Web Access Coordinators, District IT Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Chief Information Office (CIO) is pleased to announce the release and transition plan for SCEducator, which replaces the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) system used for compensation. This release is the first step in releasing a one-stop shop system to combine the Certification System and PCS. Another announcement will be released with information concerning the go live dates for the Certification portion of SCEducator.

SCEducator can be accessed thru the Application Web Portal accessible via the SCDE's website. Access to SCEducator is being managed by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Compensation side and the Office of Educator Services for the Certification side.

[New SCEducator Compensation System - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Nominations for the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, High School Principals
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The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and, since that time, the program has honored over 7,600 outstanding high school seniors. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding high school seniors, and thereby encourage high attainment among all students.

The South Carolina Department of Education is asking that each public school district or private school administrator submit a total of three applications for consideration: one female and one male student nomination application for the Academics/General Component category, and one application, (male or female) for the CTE component. All high school seniors graduating between January and August 2021, who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible. The application(s) are to be emailed to Wanda Davis at wdavis@ed.sc.gov, utilizing an encrypted email application approved by your district. Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2020.

[Nominations for the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars - Memo](#) PDF (166 KB)

[U.S. Presidential Scholars in Academics - Application](#) (106 KB)

[Criteria for U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education - Attachment](#) PDF (182 KB)

[U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education - Application](#) (122 KB)

